

1 9. (Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen  
2 in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:  
3 providing a sample of the whole blood;  
4 adding a hemolysis reagent and a latex reagent directly to the sample of  
5 the whole blood [without any pre-treatment of the whole blood];  
6 hemolysing the whole blood sample with the hemolysis reagent to  
7 hemolyse the blood corpuscles;  
8 reacting the hemolysed whole blood sample in an agglutination reaction to  
9 form a reaction mixture wherein a predetermined antigen in the hemolysed whole blood  
10 sample specifically reacts with an antibody immobilized onto an insoluble carrier to  
11 provide a reaction product;  
12 irradiating the reaction [products] product in the sample with radiation  
13 which [include] includes a wavelength range which is substantially free from absorption  
14 by both hemoglobin and the hemolysis reagent; and  
15 measuring only in [a] the wavelength range which is substantially free  
16 from absorption by both hemoglobin and the hemolysis reagent, an absorbance of the  
17 incident radiation [through] by the reaction [mixture] product to determine the quantity of  
18 antigens in the sample.

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In Claim 11, Line 1, delete "10" and insert --9--.